

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 17 December 1999
Name of applicant/court: The District Court at New Plymouth
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Scouts 2 Signes De Piste
Other Known Titles: Scouts 2 Jeu De Piste
Director: Not Stated
Producer: Not Stated
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin: France
Language: French

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Scouts 2 Signes De Piste	Running time:	94.54
Trailers:	Videomo Notice	Running time:	0.27
	Les Minets Sauvages		0.59
	Sacre College!		1.38
	Garçons de Rêves		0.26
	Charmants Cousins		0.29
	Age Tendre		0.40
	Aime Mirat		0.30
	Untitled		0.46
	Scouts		0.25
	Harem		1.43
	The Hommes Preferent Les Hommes		0.46
	Gero Gay Video Notice		3.43
		Total Running time:	107.26

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording *Scouts 2 Signes De Piste* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication promotes and supports two criteria listed in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), namely the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, and the use of violence to compel persons to submit to sexual conduct.

The publication consists of a feature and 11 trailers. The feature is a loosely scripted story of a group of scouts, who look to be aged between about 13 and 19 years, and who are on a camp in the countryside. The plotline provides a context within which explicit depictions of sexual activity are presented. The activity consists of masturbation, fellatio, and anal intercourse. It generally takes place between the teenage boys, although some activity takes place between teenagers and adults. The feature and most of the trailers are in French, with one trailer in German.

The publication promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, because it explicitly depicts young persons engaging in sexual activity with each other or with adults, with its manner of presentation intended for viewer sexual arousal.

It promotes and supports the use of violence to compel persons to submit to sexual conduct, by depicting participants using violent means to engage others in sexual activity. Because these depictions are intended to titillate the viewer, the publication indicates that it is acceptable and exciting to use violence to initiate sexual conduct.

The right to freedom of expression set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in relation to this publication. However, s3(2) of the FVPC Act is a deeming provision, which is inconsistent with and overrides s14 of the NZBR Act. Therefore, s14 rights and freedoms cannot be applied in the case of this publication.

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